

## NEWS RELEASE

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## DPH Provides Update on COVID-19 in Georgia

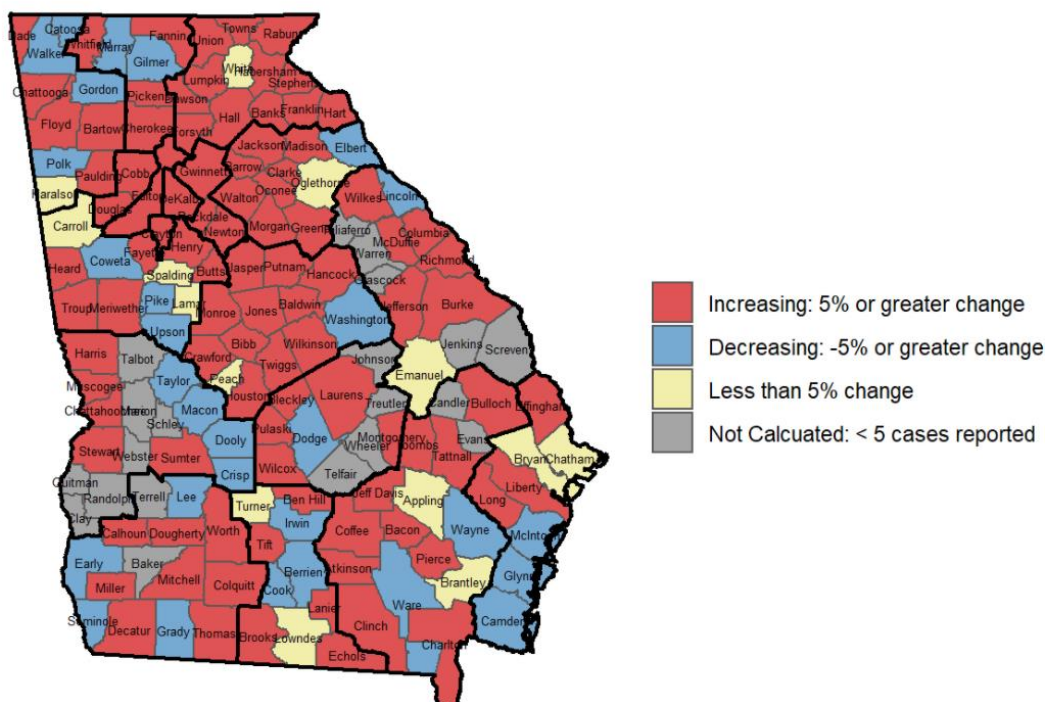
**Atlanta** – The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is providing the following information regarding the fight against COVID-19 in Georgia.

### COVID-19 Cases

- From **12/1 to 12/7**, the seven-day average of new cases reported **increased 62%** over the previous seven-day average of new cases. (**Note:** the decrease in the seven-day average of new cases reported on 12/1 were an artifact of decreased testing and delayed reporting over the Thanksgiving holiday.)
- The seven-day average of new cases reported increased 2.6% from our previous peak July 24.
- As of Dec. 7, there are **448,683 PCR confirmed cases of COVID-19** and **58,007 antigen positive cases of COVID-19, cumulative in Georgia.**

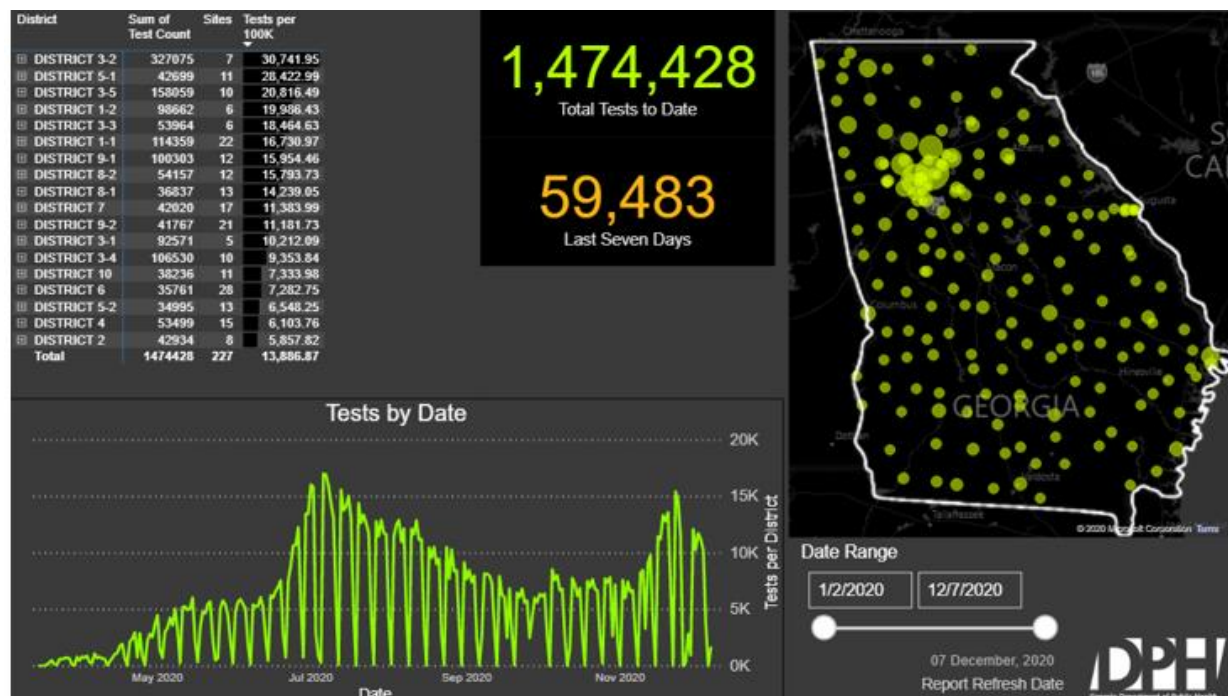
### Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

Percent Change 11/21-11/27, 11/28-12/04



## COVID-19 Testing

### Georgia SPOCs



- As of Dec. 7, the state reported 4,521,060 (cumulative) COVID-19 PCR tests reported to DPH through Electronic Laboratory Reports (ELR).
- The number of specimens collected at DPH SPOCs is **1,474,428**.
- From Dec. 1 - Dec.7, testing at SPOC locations **increased 41%** over the previous seven days. (**Note:** testing at SPOC locations between 11/24 and 12/1 was down due to the Thanksgiving holiday.)

### Positivity Rate

The statewide percent positive (7-day moving average) for PCR tests **increased 30%** from 9.2% on Nov. 30 to 12% on Dec. 7.

### Hospitalizations

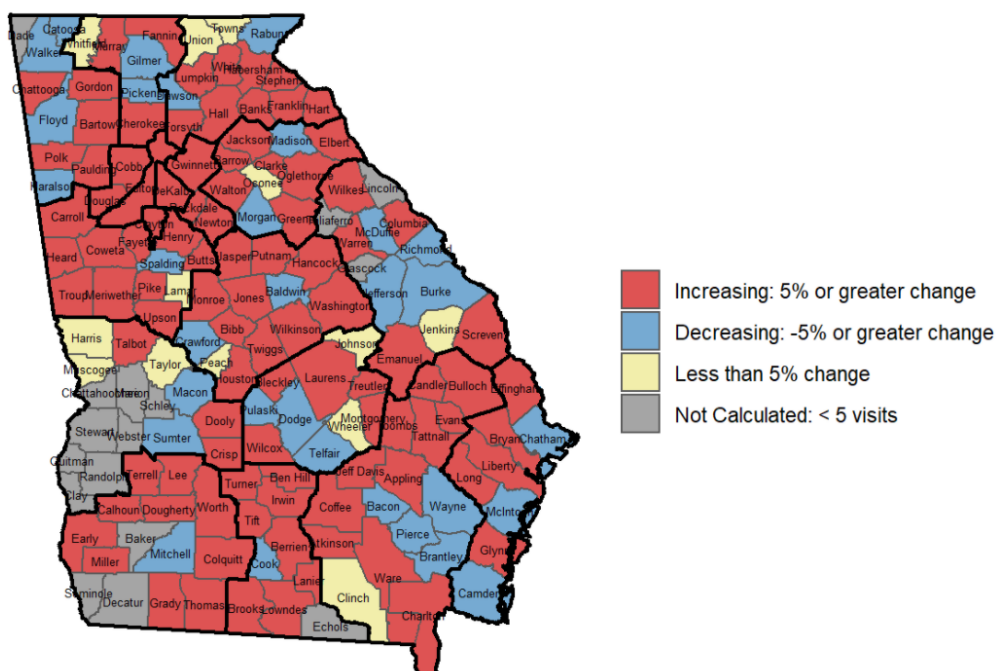
Daily hospitalizations for COVID-19 have **increased 13%** from 2,212 on Nov. 30 to 2,502 on Dec. 7. Hospitalizations have **decreased 22%** since a daily high of 3,200 on July 30.

### Emergency Department Visits

Emergency Department (ED) visits related to COVID-19 increased to 6% statewide and ILI (influenza-like illness) visits have remained flat at 2% statewide over the two week period Nov. 21 – Dec. 4.

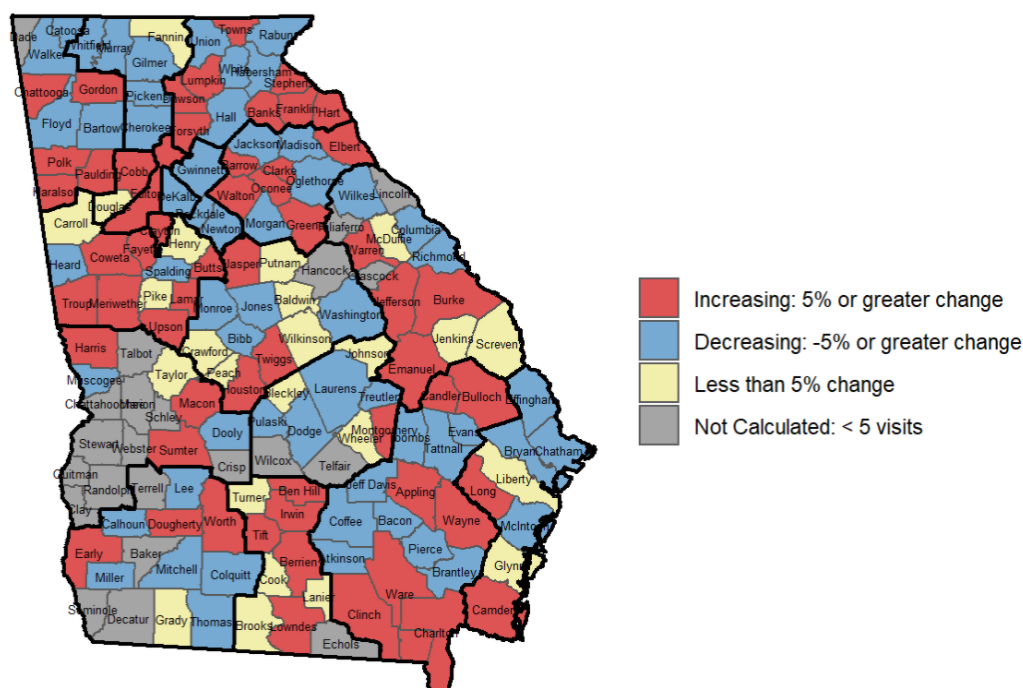
## Emergency Department (ED) Visits with COVID-19 Syndrome

Percent Change 11/21-11/27, 11/28-12/04



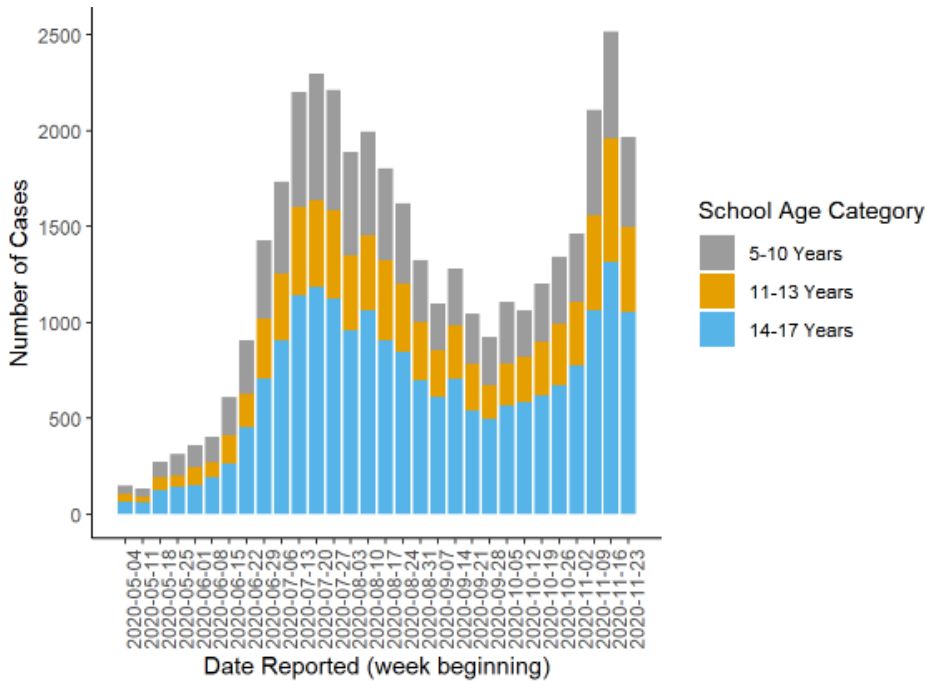
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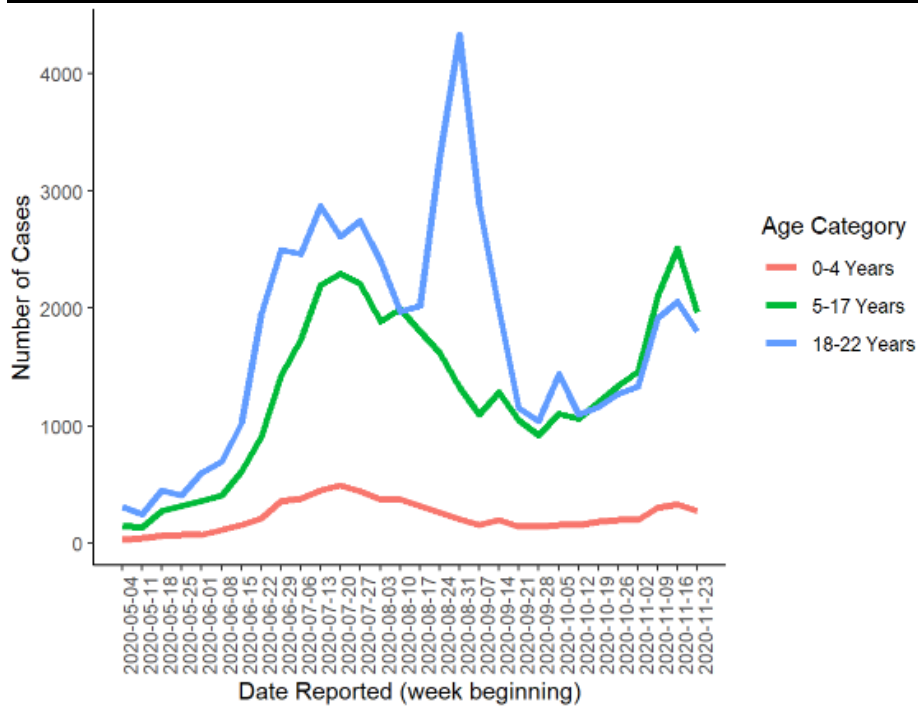
The Georgia Department of Public Health monitors influenza (flu) activity year-round throughout the state with the help of volunteer sentinel healthcare providers. Influenza activity is calculated based on the percentage of provider visits that are for "influenza-like illness" (fever  $>100^{\circ}$  F AND cough and/or sore throat). Click on this link to see the [Weekly Flu Surveillance Report](#).

### All Lab Positive (PCR and Antigen) COVID-19 Cases Among K-12 School Aged Children\*



\*Report reflects week of Nov. 23-29

### All Lab Positive (PCR and Antigen) COVID-19 Cases by Age Category (Ages 0-22)\*



\*Report reflects week of Nov. 23-29

## **Outbreaks**

Nov. 29 - Dec. 5: **114 (increase of 24 from previous week)**

These outbreaks are occurring in settings where people are physically congregating and underscore the need for physical distancing and source control. The highest number of outbreaks occurred in schools, long-term care facilities, correctional facilities and workplaces.

Setting	11/29-12/5	11/22-11/28	Grand Total
LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY/NURSING HOME	28	18	944
SCHOOL	18	24	561
WORKPLACE, NOT CAFETERIA	15	12	364
PRISON/JAIL	15	3	301
MANUFACTURING FACILITY	5	6	218
CHURCH/TEMPLE	9	1	127
RESTAURANT OR DELI	4	4	124
DAY CARE CENTER	5	3	104
OTHER CONGREGATE SETTING	1	2	97
OTHER	1	2	90
HOSPITAL	4	1	88
OFFICE SETTING	6	5	68
FOOD PRODUCTION FACILITY		1	57
OUTPATIENT (NON-DIALYSIS)		1	57
SHELTER	1	1	43
GROCERY STORE		2	39
OTHER INPATIENT FACILITY/DETOX FACILITY			36
FARM			20
CONSTRUCTION SITE			19
MENTAL HOSPITAL			18
FUNERAL	1	1	15
BAR/ENTERTAINMENT VENUE			14
HOTEL			10
CAMP			9
COMMUNITY			9
MENTAL HEALTH (NON-HOSPITAL)	1	2	9
PRIVATE HOME			9
WEDDING RECEPTION		1	9
MILITARY FACILITY			8
DIALYSIS CENTER			7
RESORT			3
PET STORE			2
PICNIC/COOKOUT/POTLUCK			2
WORKPLACE CAFETERIA			2
BANQUET FACILITY			1
CONVENTION CENTER			1
SWIMMING POOL			1
WATER PARK			1



